

County of San Diego  
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**LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT I**  
**LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT II**

**Class No. 003504**  
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**DEFINITION:**

To perform professional landscape architectural services for County-owned land and preserves; to review landscape and water management designs submitted for permits and habitat restoration projects; and to perform related work as required.

**DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS:**

This professional landscape architect class series is found only in the Department of Planning and Land Use.

**Landscape Architect I:**

This is the journey-level class in the Landscape Architect series. Under general supervision, incumbents review and approve landscape plans for compliance with codes and standard; and perform landscape and irrigation design work.

**Landscape Architect II:**

This is the lead-level class in the Landscape Architect series. Under general direction, incumbents provide technical guidance and training to assigned staff, review complex and large-scale landscape designs, and consult with other professionals involved in master planning, land use permitting, habitat restoration, re-vegetation projects, and applicable codes.

**EXAMPLES OF DUTIES:**

Reviews landscape plans for accuracy, completeness and conformance with applicable codes and standards; identifies and assesses site uses and constraints; confers with applicants to adjust plans and develop solutions; approves plans and specifications connected with a variety of major use permits and tentative subdivision maps ensuring conformance with applicable codes, standards and site plans; checks hydraulic design of irrigation; reviews grading, erosion control, and water conservation irrigation plans; may evaluate and critique design of selected tentative maps, major use permits, reclamation plans, and grading plans; provides occasional construction supervision and inspections to review work in progress for consistency with design intent; and consults with other professionals as needed.

**Landscape Architect II:**

All of the duties listed above and: leads the work of subordinate Landscape Architects and support staff in preparing site plans and designing development projects; and serves as resident landscape architect as needed.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

Knowledge Level:            T = Thorough;    G = General;        -- = Not Applicable

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Classification Level: I = Landscape Architect I  
II = Landscape Architect II

**Knowledge of:**

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G	T	Landscape planning and design.
G	T	Land use planning.
G	T	Drafting, surveying and mapping.
G	T	Architectural and engineering principles.
G	T	Soil science and geology.
G	T	Hydrology and irrigation.
G	T	Federal, State and local standards and codes.
G	T	Construction materials and methods.
G	T	Research methods.
G	G	Ecology, botany, and zoology.

**Skills and Abilities to:**

The following skills and abilities apply to both classes.

- Review and design landscape and water conservation projects for conformance with applicable codes and standards.
- Conduct field compliance inspections.
- Evaluate and critique tentative maps, permits, and landscape and irrigation plans.
- Establish and maintain effective working relationships with public agencies and building industry representatives, architects, civil and structural engineers, contractors, urban planners and environmental specialists.
- Use a personal computer in a business environment and in using landscape design software.
- Prepare computer graphic presentations, architectural renderings and free hand sketches.

**Landscape Architect II (in addition to the above):**

- Plan, schedule, assign, and review the work of assigned staff.
- Read, interpret, and draft legislation, and develop related operating policy, procedures and guides.
- Consult with other land use related professionals to adjust plans, and develop solutions to complex design needs.

**EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE:**

**Landscape Architect I:**

Requires a license as a Landscape Architect in the State of California as defined in section 5615 et seq. of the California Business and Professions Code (the Landscape Architects Practice Act).

**Landscape Architect II:**

Requires a license as a Landscape Architect in the State of California as defined in section 5615 et seq. of the California Business and Professions Code (the Landscape Architects Practice Act); AND, two (2) years of professional experience reviewing and approving landscape plans and performing landscape architect duties.

**SPECIAL NOTES, LICENSES, OR REQUIREMENTS:**

**License:**

A valid California Class C driver's license or the ability to arrange transportation for field travel is required at time of appointment and must be maintained throughout employment. Employees in this class may be required to use their own personal vehicle.

**Working Conditions:**

Incumbents in this class may walk long distances and climb over rough terrain.

**Probationary Period:**

Incumbents appointed to permanent positions in this class shall serve a probationary period of 6 months (Civil Service Rule 4.2.5).